

Supplementary Table 2. List of included studies.

First author, date	Design	Setting	Participants	Guideline theme
Beaulieu, 1999 ²⁵	Focus groups	Canada	35 family physicians	Preventive health care
Cranney, 2001 ²⁶	Focus groups	UK	34 GPs	Hypertension in older people
Langley, 1998 ²⁷	Interviews	UK	20 GPs	Guidelines in general
Pathman, 1998 ²⁸	Focus groups	US	19 family physicians	Pediatric immunisation
Pollock, 2003 ²⁹	Interviews	UK	26 GPs	Proton pump inhibitors in treatment of gastric disorders
Putnam, 2001 ³⁰	Focus groups	Canada	20 family physicians	Asthma
Schers, 2001 ³¹	Interviews	Netherlands	20 GPs	Low back pain
Smith, 2004 ³²	Interviews	UK	11 GPs	Depression guidelines
Teunissen, 2006 ³³	Focus groups	Netherlands	13 GPs	Urinary incontinence in older people
Tudiver, 2001 ³⁴	Focus groups	Canada	73 family physicians	Prostate cancer and breast cancer screening
Venn, 2003 ³⁵	Focus groups	UK	36 GPs	Guidelines in general
Wathen, 2004 ³⁶	Interviews	UK	12 GPs	Drug prescribing

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